Ruby Seriously Ill In Dallas Hospital

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DALLAS, Dec. 8 — Jack Ruby, charged with murdering the man who killed President Kennedy, was taken to a Dallas hospital tonight seriously ill of pneumonia.

A Parkland Hospital spokesman confirmed that authorities had brought Ruby to the hospital with an "admitting diagnosis of pneumonia, in serious condition."

Parkland is the hospital in which President Kennedy and his assasin died. It is the largest hospital in Dallas.

Ruby, a 55-year-old former nightclub operator has been in jail awaiting his new trial on charges of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald. He was convicted and sentenced to death by a Dallas jury on March 14 for the slaying of President Kennedy's assassin. The Texas

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Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the conviction on Oct. 5 and ordered a new trial outside Dallas. The appellate court cited inadmissable testimony from a police officer as the specific reason for the reversal. But it added that holding the first trial in Dallas also constituted a reversible error.

On Tuesday, State District Judge Louis T. Holland announced that the new trial would be held in Wichita Falls, possibly in February.

Sheriff Bill Decker said that a doctor had been treating Ruby in his cell for a cold that would not go away. The doctor decided that Ruby was not responding to treatment there, and had him transferred to the hospital.

Ruby's sister, Eva Grant, called a radio-television station and said that Ruby had been ill for three weeks and not enough attention was being given his illness.

Ruby's sister said that she would stay with him at the hospital. She said she had visited him recently and he was seriously ill.

"He looked terrible — like a corpse," she said.

She added sarcastically that it was the first time since he was in jail that the guards would not stay close, because they were afraid of contracting whatever ailment he had.

She appeared to be on the verge of tears.

Brother Says It's Serious

DETROIT, Dec. 8 (AP)— Jack Ruby's brother, Earl, said he had just received the information. "All I know is that they told me it's very serious," he said.

"I just saw him Tuesday," Earl Ruby continued, "and he looked terrible.

"He said then that he was very ill physically. He complained of pains in his chest while I was there in the cell."

Asked if Jack Ruby had also complained to jail officials, his brother answered, "Yes, they knew about it. They were treating him for a cold."

Earl Ruby said he was expecting a call from Parkland Hospital and would decide then whether to go to Dallas.

"I may leave tomorrow morning," he said, "but I'll just have to wait and see." He said he would go to Dallas alone.